



<b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)</b>		Attorney Docket No.		DEEP1110-1	
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 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

<b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING FILE SYSTEMS AND FILE-BASED DATA STORAGE</b>	
<i>(Title of Invention)</i>	

the specification of which was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 07/30/2003

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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60/399,723	07/30/02	
60/399,879	07/30/02	
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60/399,830	07/30/02	
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